



WHITESTOWN METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WMPD Report to Council March 2020

UPDATE: Police HQ Building

Construction progress continues on the Police HQ Building. The ruff-in for Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC are complete. The ruff-in inspection has been completed and approval was given to move onto the Insulation stage. The exterior grading will begin as soon as the weather permits. Drywall stage is set to begin the week of March 9th.

A number of building and operational expenses from encumbered 2019 funds are up for your review and adoption. They were approved unanimously by the Police Commission on March 3, 2020 with a do-pass recommendation. They are as follows:

1. Complete Office Supply, (\$80,640.13 NTE \$95,000) - (2019 encumbered Funds)
2. ROGUE Fitness Equipment, (\$21,166.10 NTE \$25,000) - (2019 encumbered Funds)
3. Security Pros, LLC, (\$41,098.83 NTE \$45,000) - (2019 encumbered Funds)
4. Commercial Doors of Indiana, (\$7,870.00) - (2019 encumbered Funds)
5. Kiesler Police Supply, (\$8,444.00 NTE \$11,000) - (2019 encumbered Funds)
6. Leupold, (\$10,936.80 NTE \$12,000) - (2019 encumbered Funds)

STATISTICS: (snap-shot)	JAN/2018	JAN/2019	JAN/2020
1. Calls for Service (CFS)	1122	1062	964
2. Arrests: (All Categories)	49	37	36
3. Crash Reports: (All Categories)	32	29	23
4. Overdose/death (Investigation)	0/0	0/0	0/0
5. Digital Forensic Stats	0	0	9

***<complete statistic report attached>

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NEW PERSONNEL and Sergeant PROMOTION:

Interviews were held for the Public Safety Officer positions, 26 candidates were slated for interview, 22 completed the interview process. The top ten were slated for background investigations. On March 3rd, the Police Commission authorized me to extend a Conditional Offer to Christopher Gibbons. Gibbons is currently serving as a Deputy with BCSD and finished 1st in the selection process.

A/C Rolston held telephone interviews for the new civilian Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Position. A total of eleven applications were received. On March 3rd, the Police Commission authorized me to extend a Conditional Offer to Cheryl A. Green. Her anticipated start will be mid-April 2020.

On March 3, 2020, the Police Commission elevated the rank of PSO/K9, Blayne Root to the rank of K9/Sergeant. Internal interviews were held with six staff members applying, after the promotion list expired on February 1st. K9/Sgt. Root's promotion will be effective April 1st.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS: Software License & Maintenance.

It very well will be, that we will need an Additional Appropriations made to our Software License and Maintenance line: 101.200393.0000. We received checks for software from LPD \$5000, ZPD \$4500, O.U.R. for \$4000 and the BCSD for \$1500 & \$4950 to offset the cost of the Annual License fees for the Cyber Forensic GrayKey (\$18,000 and the Axiom Forensic Software \$12,000) These funds were deposited into the Town Gen Fund with the entire cost being paid out of the WMPD 2020 Budget line. This will become a necessity before the end of the year.

UPDATE: Child Advocacy Center Training

Detective Seller travelled to Orlando Florida the week of February 24th to attend a CAC National Conference paid for by a grant obtained by the Boone County CAC. This was an excellent opportunity for him to obtain training concerning "on-line child predators, Child Porn and Child Human Trafficking as well as forensic examination Training.

UPDATE: Boone County Special Response Team (SRT)

PSO's Zac Thomas, David Edwards, Derrick Deeter and Kristin Gibbons each tried out for the SRT Team. All four of the officers passed the entry tests to fill two open positions. The Team selected PSO's Thomas who was already a V50 driver and PSO David Edwards, who was a past team member when he was an LPD Officer. Congratulations to all four of the officers as SRT is very physically and mentally demanding.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

1. Next in the “Behind the Badge” series is PSO/Sgt. Kevin Allen.
2. PIO/Sgt. Jurkash & PSO/Det. Campbell held a “facebook live” event covering police interaction during a traffic stop.
3. PIO/Sgt. Jurkash and his wife Mallory held a “Social Media Awareness & the Digital Child” presentation for students and parents at Traders Point Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

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